

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Youth Diversity Education Team Sub-Committee (YDET)
December 16, 2014 Minutes

The Youth Diversity Education Team of Mesa met on December 16th, 2014,
at 5:00pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St., Ste. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Frias-Long, Chair
Denise Heap
Frank Johnson
Cliff Moon
Nadia Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Liuzzo
Talmage Pearce

STAFF PRESENT

Ruth Giese

GUESTS

Erica Reyes
Andre Rouhani
Kaveh Shahidi

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Heap called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to YDET.

3. Approval of minutes from the December 16th, 2014 YDET meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Moon to approve the December 16th, 2014 YDET meeting minutes, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear, discuss and take action on expanding youth involvement with the Community Cinema Series.

Ms. Heap provided an update on the three panelists that she intends to invite to participate for the April film screening.

5. Hear, discuss, and take action on the Diversity Youth Survey in order to explore ways to connect with youth and educate them on diversity related issues.

Based on the subcommittee's interest in finding ways to engage youth to learn about diversity and inclusion, Ms. Taylor invited and introduced members of Phoenix Baha'i Community to provide an overview of Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program. The program is geared to junior youth (ages 11-14) to take ownership for their spiritual and intellectual development, to develop a strong sense of purpose and the volition needed to make good decisions, and to engage in meaningful social action in their communities. Ms. Erica Reyes explained how the program is designed, and that it. Mr. Andre Rouhani summarized the mentoring program, and how older young adult are trained to help those participating in the Youth Program. Mr. Kaveh Shahidi explained how the program is focused on leadership, service, and spiritua awareness.

The subcommittee discussed how this program and others could best serve youth in Mesa, and that a youth forum which invites different groups who teach about inclusion could be successful.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap that the YDET explore planning a Youth Forum on Diversity & Inclusiveness. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Hear an update, discuss and take action on MLK Committee's Youth Leadership Development Conference.

There were no updates for this item. Mr. Moon previously informed the members that more information will be provided after January.

7. Hear an update, discuss and take action on exploring and assessing whether bullying is an issue in Mesa.

*Supporting data is available for public review in the Diversity & Neighborhood Outreach Office,
20 E. Main St., Suite 250, Mesa, Arizona 85201 (480) 644-5034*

There were no updates for this item. Ms. Heap stated that she will have more information at the next meeting.

8. Discuss future agenda items, meeting dates, announcements, other housekeeping.

- Next YDET meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 at 5pm.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.

Submitted By:



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